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SUBJ: ENERGY: DUTCH PRESS COMMENT ON ENERGY CONFERENCE

1. EDITORIALS ON ENERGY CONFERENCE IN MAJOR DUTCH DAILIES
ACROSS THE POLITICAL SPECTRUM HAVE BEEN UNANIMOUS ON TWO
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POINTS: (1) FRENCH WERE WRONG AND FOOLISH TO RESIST US

LEADERSHIP AND UNDERMINE EC UNITY AT CONFERENCE AND (2) CONCEPT OF INDEPENDENT EC ENERGY POLICY NOW VIRTUALLY DEAD. MOST PAPERS, PARTICULARLY CONSERVATIVE ONES, VIEW EC DISARRAY AS LESS DANGEROUS THAN BREAK IN ATLANTIC UNITY WOULD HAVE BEEN.

2. LEFT WING VOLKSKRANT TAKES LINE THAT "WHILE IT IS PRUDENT TO BE SUSPICIOUS OF US MOTIVES" IT IS "DANGEROUS" TO REJECT US INITIATIVES IN ENERGY FIELD SINCE THIS COULD LEAD WASHINGTON TO REVISE ITS EUROPEAN POLICY IN OTHER FIELDS. MOST OTHER PAPERS MAKE POINT THAT EUROPE NEEDS US SUPPORT IN THIS SITUATION BECAUSE OF OUR STRONG TECHNOLOGICAL BASE AND GREATER INFLUENCE IN MID-EAST. CALVINIST DAILY TROUW COMMENTED THAT IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN EASIER TO SYMPATHIZE WITH JOBERT IN HIS ISOLATION IF HE HAD PROPOSED POLICIES OF BENEFIT TO ANYONE BUT FRANCE ALONE.

3. THERE HAS BEEN NO COMMENT YET ON SUBSTANCE OF US PROPOSALS OR ON NATURE AND TIMING OF FOLLOW-UP TO WASHINGTON CONFERENCE. GOULD

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